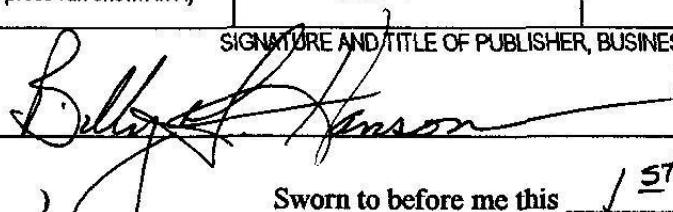


STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER Plainsman		2. DATE OF FILING 10/1/01
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Daily	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 311	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$112.80/\$101.52
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) 49 3rd Street SE, PO Box 1278, Huron, SD 57350		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) PO Box 46, Rochelle, Illinois 51068		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Billy G. Hanson		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) FULL NAME News Media Corp		
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 46, Rochelle, Ill.		
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.) John Tompkins, 5470 Ridgemore Court, Rockford, Ill. 61107		
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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION (See Instructions on reverse side)		AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		7877
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.		4789
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		2323
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)		7112
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		102
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES		208
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)		7422
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing		133
2. Return from News Agents		322
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A)		7877
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER  Publisher		

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

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Sworn to before me this 1st day of

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